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NB: The *Muwatta'* was a text of Medinan traditions and law from Malik b. Anas (d. 796 CE), the eponym of the Maliki school of law. Al-Shaybani (d. 805), a Hanafi jurist, compiled one version of the text and included the Hanafi position.

Glossary of terms for the Muwatta' readings

Fuqaha' – jurists/lawyers

Ghusl – major purification ritual, or bath

Li'an – accusation of adultery against a spouse

Wudu' – minor purification ritual

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NB: Al-Shafi'i (d. 820) is the eponym for the Shafi'i school of law. His *Risala* is considered the earliest extant work of Islamic legal theory. The second above addresses the authority of juristic interpretations, especially in cases where there is disagreement.

Glossary of Terms for Risala reading

Ijtihad – independent interpretation and analysis

Mujtahid -- one who engages in *ijtihad*

Qibla -- The direction in which Muslims pray, facing the Ka'ba in Mecca.

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